

ConneCT Kid's Committee

Meeting Minutes

*April 26, 2000
1:00 PM*

Commission on Children, Hartford

Attendees: Peter Bartucca, Todd Bentsen,, Linda DeConti, Jonathan Duboff, Pat Estill, Dick Hemenway, Norma Perry , Bill Skyrme, Ann Gillespie-White, Ken Wiggin

1. Ken Wiggin, State Librarian attended the meeting at the invitation of Pat Estill to present information on their project to develop a new website for parents and/or care givers. It would be central source for as much information as possible related to parenting/care giving issues. Having little or no original material, the site would consist of links to existing care related organizations. While they do not yet have final ready date, the site should be up in the Fall. We thank Ken for his information about this venture, and wish his organization the best of luck with this project.
2. The latest revisions of the home page and other pages are available from the technical group at <http://www.kids.state.ct.us>. A special events box was added. If you have comments or suggestions. Please email one of the group as follows: Sean.Condon@po.state.ct.us; todd.bentsen@po.state.ct.us; linda.deconti@po.state.ct.us.
3. Dick Hemenway and Peter Bartucca will continue to develop the Connecticut History and Connecticut Government pages.
4. Bill Skyrme presented his completed page of Connecticut State symbols. These will link to descriptions on the Secretary of the State's website. Some concern was indicated about return links back to the Kids Pages. These will be added at a later time.
5. Todd Bentsen will have a coloring book, word search games and memory games ready for 5/15.
6. Norma Perry distributed her completed list of Connecticut State Kids pages of pages of interest to kids. She will continue to revise the short descriptions of these pages to include items of interest to kids.
7. Linda DeConti reported that she has a candidate ready for the first Guest Kid's Page. All committee members are asked to communicate with as many kids as possible about submitting ideas. Dick Hemenway will email as many forum attendees as possible and also the

contest winners. It was agreed that Dick Hemenway will contact the schools in September when they return from summer break.

8. Rock Regan from DOIT gave his full approval for the site concept.
9. Pat Estill will be going to a grants meeting and will report on any progress with this effort.
10. Dick Hemenway will give a progress report at the CMAC meeting on 5/4. He will try to have a laptop pc setup for anyone wishing to see the progress so far.
11. The committee discussed some future page ownership issues and also the possibility of a Youth Advisory. It is hoped that comments will be received about the site from a Comments Page which might also serve this purpose.
12. Dick Hemenway will contact Greg Futoma, Chair of the CMAC PR Sub-committee about pr materials for the ConneCT Kids Page. He will be invited to attend a future meeting.
13. June 1, 2000 is still the target date for site inauguration. This means that all materials must be ready by May 15 at the latest so that the Technology Group will have time to incorporate them into the site. Please let Dick Hemenway know if you are having any problems with the time frames.
14. The next meeting will be at the Commission on Children, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Monday May 15, 2000 at 1:00 pm..

Dick Hemenway

ConneCT Kids Committee Chair

May 1, 2000